

GOVERNOR FILLS VACANCIES

Submitted by Jim Rathlesberger, M.P.A., Executive Officer, Board of Podiatric Medicine. BPM is the Department of Consumer Affairs (DCA) unit that licenses DPMs under the State Medical Practice Act. Our DCA Director is Charlene Zettel. The Honorable Fred Aguilar is the Agency Secretary overseeing State and Consumer Services including DCA in the Governor's Cabinet.

October 5--Governor Schwarzenegger has brought BPM up to full strength, recruiting **Michael J. Levi, DPM** of Los Angeles County for one opening and **Hienvu C. Nguyen, DPM** of Sacramento for the other.

Michael Levi has been on staff at Saint John's Hospital since 1989 serving as the vice-chief of the Podiatric Section of the Department of Surgery since 2002. Levi is an executive board member of the Los Angeles County Podiatric Medical Society, district president for the West Los Angeles section, and founder of the Podiatric Section of the Venice Family Clinic and the Podiatric Section of the Los Angeles Free Clinic.

Dr. Nguyen has been on the Kaiser Permanente Medical Group staff in South Sacramento since 1999. He was a research fellow and clinical instructor for the Department of Orthopedics at the University of Texas Health Science Center, School of Medicine. He did his graduate medical residency at the Veterans Affairs Medical Center, Tucson.

According to Dr. Nguyen, "In my previous career, I was a computer engineer working for the Department of Defense for about 10 years before I went back to school."

Shown here at the September 30 BPM meeting in San Francisco with their colleagues Aleida Gerena-Rios [right], President Raymond Cheng [center] and Robert Mohr, DPM [left], Doctors Levi and Nguyen are discussing plans to update BPM's *Strategic Plan* at the December 2 public meeting in Sacramento.



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Michael J. Levi, D.P.M.	Governor	9/28/05 - 6/1/08

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